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## BORDER STATION MEMO

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DATE: September 2, 2010  
TO: ALL BORDER STATION PERSONNEL  
FROM: Gary W. Leslie, Program Supervisor  
SUBJECT: Target Produce Shipments

Currently, Target does not have grocery distribution centers in California. Their stores are stocked with produce shipped from Phoenix, Arizona. Target has worked extensively with CDFA and the Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) to facilitate the movement of produce into their California stores. This has resulted in a streamlined process as outlined below:

### Approved Commodity List

- Target, CDFA, and ADA have agreed on an approved commodity list of produce for shipment under this process.
- This list will be posted on our extranet site and used to determine whether each produce item on the bills is approved for shipment under the program.
- The list includes the approved commodity name, origin, and special handling, if any (e.g., certification needed and/or sampling requirements).
- ADA will be in the Phoenix distribution center verifying that all California requirements are met. They will also be inspecting and sampling commodities for live pests.
- Each Target shipment entering shall have a bill-of-lading listing all produce shipped, with origins and amounts, and with a compliance agreement certificate from ADA.
- The commodities on the bill-of-lading should be checked against the approved commodity list. If everything is in order, the shipment may be released.
- Commodities not on the list must be made available for inspection, and should be rejected if they are not accessible, do not meet quarantine requirements, or are infested with pests.
- Shipments of produce arriving without the compliance agreement certificate from ADA should be considered **not** eligible for this process and rejected if quarantine requirements cannot be met. If it is just a paperwork error, you may accept a faxed copy of the certificate.
- Processed items, such as bagged salad mix or ready-to-eat sliced apples, present little or no risk, are not required to appear on the approved list, and should be released.

If questions arise regarding this memo, contact your Area Manager.